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PROCESS FOR THE CARBONYLATION OF
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

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Applicant request entry of the following amendments prior to consideration of the claims pending in the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Amend claims: 3-5, 8-10, and 13.

3. (Once Amended)

A process as claimed claim 1, wherein the hydroxyl group containing compound is an alkanol with a to 6 carbon atoms per molecule.

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4. (Once Amended)

A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein component (b) of the catalyst system is a phosphorus-containing ligand of formula (I), wherein the bivalent organic bridging group R is an ethylene or a propylene group connected via their terminal carbon atoms to the respective phosphorus atoms of X¹ and X².